

ABSTRACT

WA-I-194

Strite-Horst Farm
Leitersburg Vicinity
private

Mid 19th Century

This farm complex includes a limestone house, bank barn dated 1840 and an outbuilding. Together they provide an example of a mid 19th century farm group constructed of native limestone, an important building material in the area. Operating as a farm for many years, this property is also important for its contribution to the history of agriculture in Washington County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Strite-Horst Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South of Leitersburg-State Line Road

CITY, TOWN

Leitersburg Vicinity

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lewis M. Horst

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 121

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF Leitersburg

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 355

Folio #: 679

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 3064

DATE

Summer 1967

___FEDERAL ☒ STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

WA I-194

CONDITION☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED < 50%**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located south of the Leitersburg-State Line Road and south of the Mason-Dixon Line in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on gently rolling land with numerous limestone outcroppings. The house and barn face east.

The buildings include a stone house, bank barn and an out building possibly constructed as a kitchen, well house or secondary dwelling. Other outbuildings of frame and concrete block construction are also present. The house is a two story, five bay limestone structure with a two story, three bay ell extending to the rear. A double porch included under the main roof span extends along the front elevation. There is no decorative work associated with the masonry. Large quoins are employed at the corners.

Openings appear to have been spaced symmetrically in the walls. All windows have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Nine over six pane double hung sashes are present at the first story level while six over six pane sashes are employed at the second story. Windows at the front elevation are flanked with pairs of paneled shutters.

The main entrance which includes a three light transom is located in the center bay of the front elevation. A second door, similar in proportion is located immediately above the main entrance. The double porch is supported by square posts with chamfer edges. A plain wooden balustrade encloses the upper level.

The roof is covered with slate and terminates with a plain barge board set directly against the end walls. Small brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

Just south of the house is the large stone end bank barn. Set in its north gable is a square date plaque inscribed with the surname Strite and the year 1840. East of the house is a two story, three bay limestone outbuilding or secondary dwelling. It stands beside a well over which is a metal windmill. Window and door frames in this building are joined with wooden pins. An opening in its north gable is equipped for a pulley or lift. A brick chimney is located inside its east gable end.

The buildings appear to be in excellent condition and are located on a tract containing 99.82 acres.

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| 400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| 1500-1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES Barn Dated 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Strite

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm complex is significant for its architecture. Operating as a farm for many years it is also important for its contribution to the history of agriculture in Washington County.

These buildings provide a well maintained example of a mid 19th century farm group constructed of native limestone, an important building material in the area. The 1840 date on the barn suggests that the house may have been built near the same time. The house would appear to date from the 1840's. Deeds show that this farm has been held by the Strite, Martin and Horst families since 1817 when Alexander Claggett sold 282 1/4 acres to John Strite at the price of \$60 per acre. (Liber BB, Folio 745). The farm then passed to John Strite's son, John in 1844 (Liber OHW1, Folio 907).

The farm remained in the Strite family until 1920 when it was sold by John F. and Rebecca Strite to Isaac W. and Mary H. Martin (Liber 157, Folio 264). It was purchased by Jacob E. and Cora E. Horst in 1936 (Liber 200, Folio 457).

The farm includes parts of the land grants, "Resurvey on Poe's Part of Well Taught," "Cauler's Amendment," "Resurvey on Well Meant," "Resurvey on Small Game," "Foxe's Chance," "Brown's Grief" and "Turkey Buzzard."

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md:
the author, 1908.

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 132.50 acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

March 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Court House Annex

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

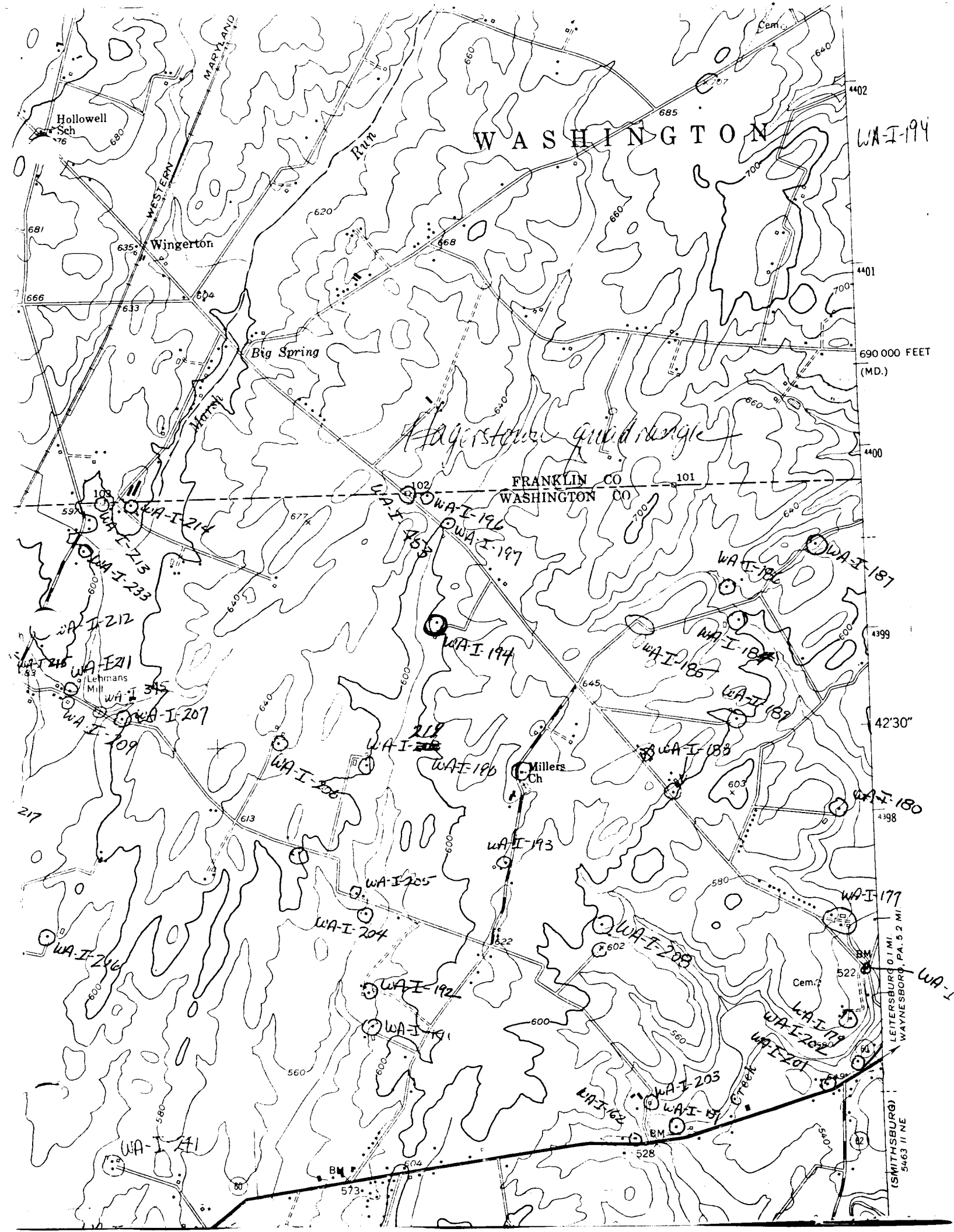
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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